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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/577,116 filed February 8, 2007
Applicant:
Title: **Method of Adjusting Linear Parameters of a Parametric Ultrasonic Signal to Reduce Non-Linearities in Decoupled Audio Output Waves and System Including Same**
Group Art Unit: 2615
Attorney Docket No.: 00025-21940.PCT.US

Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement. Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ Form **PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B** list of 175 references submitted for consideration.
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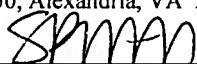
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APPLICANT: James J. Croft III	
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While no representation is made that any of these references may be “prior art” within the meaning of that term in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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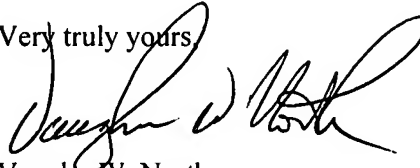
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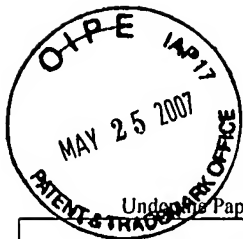
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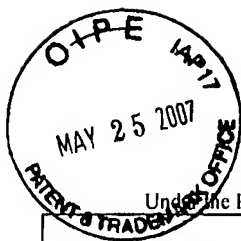
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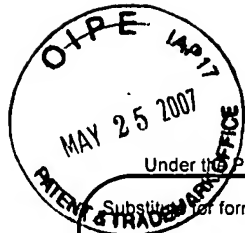
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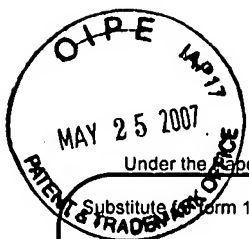
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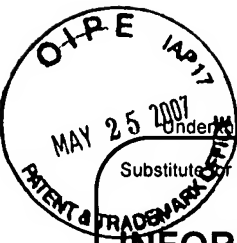
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